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SUBJ: GOY OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON RECENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA

1. DURING EARLY JULY TALKS HERE BETWEEN DEP ASSTSEC BAKER (IO) AND GOY OFFICIALS ON NUMBER OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES (REPORTED SEPTEL), FSFA ASSTSEC (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS) KOMATINA MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST ON RECENT INSURRECTION IN LUANDA AND CUBANS' ROLE THEREIN.

2. REFERRING TO WHAT HE CALLED AMB YOUNG'S RECENT CHARACTERIZATION OF CUBANS AS "STABILIZING ELEMENT IN ANGOLA", KOMATINA SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT CUBANS MAY EVENTUALLY PROVE TO BE DESTABILIZING FACTOR. HE CALPFEE CUBANS' ROLEBK RECENT ENNLQ I LANGOLA, I.ELCU ABGFT BE ALVES COUP, "MARGINAL". HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CUBAN POSITION ON HOW RAPIDLY ANGOLA COULD BE "SOCIALIZED" WAS "NOT MARGINAL". HE FOUND IT SOMEWHAT IRONIC THAT WHILE CUBANS HAD "RID ANGOLA" (I.E. NETO REGIME) OF "LEFTIST THREAT", THEY WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY "BACKING CERTAIN LEFTIST PRESSURES FOR FASTER SOCIALIZATION".

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BUT CUBANS "WILL NEVER MAKE ANGOLA SOCIALIST", HE CLAIMED. THEY CAN SERVE AS SHQBILIZING NRCE IN MOMENTS OF DANGER, BUT WHEN DANGER PASSES INTERNAL FORCES WILL COME TO FORE AND THEIR INTERPLAY WILL DETERMINE DEGREE OF STABILITY.

3. COMMENT: KOMATINA'S CLEAR SUGGESTION THAT THERE

HAS EXISTED FOR SOME TIME A SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT
BETWEEN CUBANS AND NETO ON QUESTION OF PACE OF ANGOLAN
"SOCIALIZATION" IS CONSISTENT WITH COMMENTS OF ANOTHER
GOY OFFICIAL ON CUBAN ROLE IN ALVES-LED COUP ATTEMPT
REPORTED BELGRADE 4384. THEREIN WE NOTED YUGOSLAV
OFFICIAL'S CLAIM THAT
-CUBANS INITIALLY ACQUIESCED IN INSURRECTION
HOPING NETO WOULD BE
ELIMINATED AND REPLACED BY ALVES;
-CUBANS INTERCEDED IN SUPPORT OF NETO ONLY
BELATEDLY, WHEN PUBLIC BEGAN TO RALLY
BEHIND HIM; AND
-CONSEQUENTLY, NETO NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN
EXTREMELY PRECARIOUS POSITION VIS A VIS
CUBANS.

4. OTHER EVIDENCE OF GULF BETWEEN NETO AND CUBANS APPEARS
IN JUL 16 "POLITIKA" STORY ON MPLA POLITBUREAU'S
"DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNOUNCEMENT" ON COUP ATTEMPT
PUBLISHED IN LUANDA'S "JOURNAL DO ANGOLA" JUL 15.
ACCORDING TO "POLITIKA", MPLA'S "ANNOUNCEMENT" FOCUSES IN
PART ON PRE-COUP EFFORTS OF ALVES ET AL TO
-WIN SUPPORT OF "CERTAIN COUNTRIES WITH A
FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD ANGOLA BY MAKING
REGULAR CALLS AT THEIR EMBASSIES, (AND)
SLANDERING AND MAKING FALSE ACCUSATIONS
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AGAINST THE ANGOLAN LEADERSHIP, (ACCUSING THEM)
AMONG OTHER THINGS OF ANTI-SOVIETISM
AND ANTI-COMMUNISM"; AND TO
- "SEPARATE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MPLA FROM
FREINDLY COMMUNIST PARTIES, IN AN EFFORT TO
SECURE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THEMSELVES, AS THE
BEST DEFENDERS OF THAT FRIENDSHIP".
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